

THE COMMONWEALTH.

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The first duty of a statesman is to preserve the public health.—Gladstone.

The condition of the growing cotton crop of the United States on July, 25th was 79.5 per cent of a normal, compared with 81.8 per cent on June 26th. This is a pretty good average.

We hope the differences between the United States and Mexico can be settled without a war. Let us have peace and not war. But then Uncle Sam can not be expected to take everything and a back seat besides.

Senator Simmons has recommended Josiah William Bailey, of Raleigh, to be revenue collector for Eastern district, and the appointment has been made. It is also pretty certain that W. T. Dortch will be appointed marshal and Frank D. Winston district attorney.

We frequently see the names of Judge W. R. Allen, A. W. McLean, T. W. Bickett, B. R. Lacy, and last but not least, Secretary of the Navy Josephus Daniels mentioned in connection with the probable candidates for governor to succeed Governor Locke Craig. There may possibly be other candidates when the time comes around to make the nomination. It looks now as if the race will be interesting from start to finish.

We find a lot of people who profess to be in favor of good roads, but just let the authorities use a little strip of land in an effort to straighten the road, then you will hear a howl go up from this same good roads advocate. Land is invariably worth twice to three times as much when used by the county as it is under ordinary conditions. It is frequently valued at from two to three hundred dollars per acre when the county has to do the paying. Why do men do this?

It would be a good idea in the making of a map of the County to have all the different points, cross roads and places marked with sign boards, telling the distance from place to place, the direction, etc. This could be done at very little cost and it surely would be of benefit to the travelling public, and especially to the stranger passing through our county. Many counties that are improving the public roads are putting up sign boards. What say our road authorities to placing these sign boards throughout the county?

When a reader gets mad with the editor he naturally wants to ruin him at the first blow and he thinks the most effective way to do this is to rush in or send a message to the editor to discontinue "his" paper at once. Poor little fellows. The discontinuing of a name under such circumstances leaves no larger hole than the dipping of a finger in the ocean and suddenly pulling it out. We never have any regrets at the loss of the name of such a man. All we ask is that such a person be man enough to settle their subscription to date before asking that "his" paper be discontinued.

Our recent trip across the State to Asheville and return impressed us more than ever with our three separate and distinct sections. First we have the Eastern section where everything for man and beast to eat is grown and on the coast section fish and game abound in abundance. Next is the great Piedmont section where the manufacturing enterprises are the pride of the whole State; and then our great mountain section where can be seen some of the grandest mountain scenery that the eye has ever beheld and where one can drink in as pure air as there is in the world. We have a State that is unequalled by none in the Union and we feel a greater pride in our native State today than ever before. North Carolina is steadily reaching out and taking her place at the head of the column.

An Announcement.

To the Voters of Halifax County: Sometime later, and at the proper time, I shall ask for your support for Treasurer of Halifax county in the primary for 1914. I shall not claim any superior qualities or fitness over our present Treasurer of the office. I shall not claim to be a better Democrat than I know him to be, or better than any other good Democrat. I do claim, however, to have voted more Democratic tickets in my life than he, for I have been voting the Democratic ticket for thirty years. I have made no sacrifices, however, in voting the Democratic ticket for these thirty years and in loyally supporting my friends all these years. Indeed, it has been a pleasure to me.

I believe in Democratic principles, and for this reason I have been loyal to the party and to my friends. I shall continue to be loyal both to the party and to my friends, and now I ask my friends for their loyalty and support for this office. If my candidacy does not possess merit then I will not deserve the support of my friends. I shall be a candidate of no faction. Indeed, no one on earth has ever at any time suggested to me to run for an office. I shall not spend one cent illegitimately to further my interest. If the thirty years' loyalty to my friends—twenty of which have been spent holding polls in places where it required nerve and determination—does not qualify me for the support of my party and my friends, I could not qualify myself.

My object is not to commence political agitation in the county, but, inasmuch as I understand that the same old ticket from top to bottom is being talked of, I think it opportune to express my feelings in regard to this. I am opposed to county officers succeeding themselves indefinitely. I can see no reason why one man of equal ability cannot hold a little county office as well as another man. I shall not be surprised if some of my friends have already committed themselves. Believe me when I say that if my candidacy does not appeal to you and if for any reason you cannot support me I shall be charitable in my views, as I have always been and think no less of you. I shall not ask your support for more than three terms, if I should be honored with this office.

Having abiding faith in the people and realizing as I do that without majority rule there would be no just government, I shall put my candidacy in your hands and it will be a pleasure to be guided by your action. Respectfully,
W. H. WHITE.

Palmyra Items.

Palmyra, Aug. 11.—Misses Miriam DeBerry, of Tarboro, and Edna Guilford, of Rocky Mount, guests of Miss Mary Ausbon, accompanied Mr. Ernest Leggett to Scotland Neck Monday where the latter two spent the day.

The Coniho Cotillion Club gave a dance at Oak City last Thursday night complimentary to Miss Edna Guilford and Edward Bell, of Rocky Mount, and Miss Miriam DeBerry, of Tarboro.

Mr. Ray Henderson, of Jacksonville, N. C., spent Monday here. Mr. Redmond Purvis and a few friends from Scotland Neck were the visitors of Miss Mary Ausbon and her guests last Sunday evening.

Miss Selma Guilford returned to her home in Rocky Mount last Monday.

Mr. Wilmer Hopkins left Monday for New York where he will spend his vacation.

Mr. E. H. Leggett attended a dinner in Halifax Monday.

Miss Ethel Everett returned Saturday from Greenville where she has been attending summer school.

Mr. Jack Roberson spent Sunday in Norfolk.

Mr. Edward Bell returned to Rocky Mount Sunday after spending a few days here.

Mr. Walter Bell spent a few days in Norfolk last week.

Miss Mary Anthony, of Hamilton, is visiting the Misses Harrington and Miss Lucy Thompson this week.

Misses Irene Wright and Eleanor Woodward, of Scotland Neck, spent Sunday with Miss Mattie Johnson.

Mr. and Mrs. Justus Everett spent several days with Miss Hattie Everett last week.

Aurelian Springs, R. F. D. No. 1, Items

Aurelian Springs, Aug. 10.—We are still having warm weather. Elder A. J. Moore filled his regular appointment at Rocky Swamp church today and was accompanied by his wife.

Mr. Samuel Crawley, of Littleton, attended the service at Rocky Swamp this morning and spent the afternoon with relatives.

Mr. W. T. Warren, of Heathsville, spent last week with his sister at Littleton.

Mrs. W. T. Warren, who has been very ill, seems to be improving very much.

Misses Lucy and Bettie Warren, of Heathsville, spent last Tuesday with their aunt, Mrs. O. B. Cook.

Mrs. O. B. Cook is very ill, but we hope she will soon recover.

Miss Lucy Bellamy, of Heathsville, spent Sunday afternoon with Miss Lillian Warren.

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This July 24, 1913.
STUART SMITH,
Administrator.

Your Last Chance!

While we have closed out many articles in our Cut Price Sale, we yet have some Big Bargains left, and will give you a few more days on them. The regular schedule of votes and Bonus of last week will be continued.

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W. H. Josey, 600 acres New River; 80 acres River Land; 15 acres Step-toe Land, \$57.20.
C. L. McDowell, 105 acres Sherrod Johnson Land, \$23.60.
Bryant Smith, 350 acres Burrell Land; 250 acres Cover Land, \$5.10.
R. H. WHITE, Tax Collector
Palmyra Township.

Statement
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Editor, J. C. Hardy, Scotland Neck, N. C.
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Known bondholders, mortgagees, and other security holders, holding 1 per cent or more of total amount of bonds, mortgages, or other securities, Planters & Commercial Bank, Scotland Neck, N. C.
J. C. HARDY,
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 12th day of August, 1913.
TYLER B. WHEELER,
Notary Public.
My commission expires Aug. 14, 1914.

Notice to The Public.
At a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners, held on the 11th day of August, 1913, to consider the advisability of selling the County Home and lands and purchase of about 25 acres of land more conveniently situated and nearer the town of Halifax and erecting thereon a better and more modern building or repair the present buildings, it was ordered by the Board that W. R. Harvey, Chairman, insert notices in the county papers that the Board would act on this matter on the first Monday in September, and before doing so would be glad to have an expression of the views of the taxpayers in the county, or as many as care to, express themselves on the matter.
W. R. HARVEY,
Chm. Board Co. Com.

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